## COUNCIL BRIEFING -

## POLICING IN LAKEWAY

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Chief of Police Todd Radford

The organizational overview

# WHO PROVIDES YOUR POLICE SERVICE?

### Department Overview

- 51 fulltime employees
  - 35 police officer positions (3 vacancies)
    - 23 officers assigned to patrol (includes 1 motor, 1 K9, 1 APO)
    - 5 detectives
    - 4 Executives 2 Lieutenants, 1 Captain, 1 Police Chief
  - 10 telecommunicators (2 vacancies)
  - 3 Civilian Administrators
  - 1 Property / Evidence / Crime Scene Tech
  - 1 Telecommunications Manager
  - 1 Victims Services Coordinator
- 32 currently filled sworn officer positions
  - 6 female / 26 males 2 black, 7 Hispanic, 23 white
  - Very closely resembles our community demographics...

Foundational policies

# HOWISTHE POLICE SERVICE PROVIDED?

### Texas Best Practices Program

- The Lakeway Police Department first became a recognized police agency in **2010**. since then we have been re-recognized in **2014**, and in **2018**.
- The Law Enforcement Recognition Program is a voluntary process where by police agencies in Texas prove their compliance with 166 standards. These Best Practices (standards) were carefully developed by Texas Law Enforcement professionals to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of service, the reduction of risk and the protection of individual's rights.
- Every 4 years we turn in random policy samples to the Recognition Program of the various standards, evidence of compliance, and staff testing. Once we pass this portion of the assessment, a team of assessors comes to the department to conducts a multi-day on site visit. During this visit they interview staff, do ride outs, review various practices and inspect more policies to ensure our practices are in line with our stated policies.
- A Committee of nine Police Chiefs then conducts the final review of an agency's efforts and awards "Recognized" status.

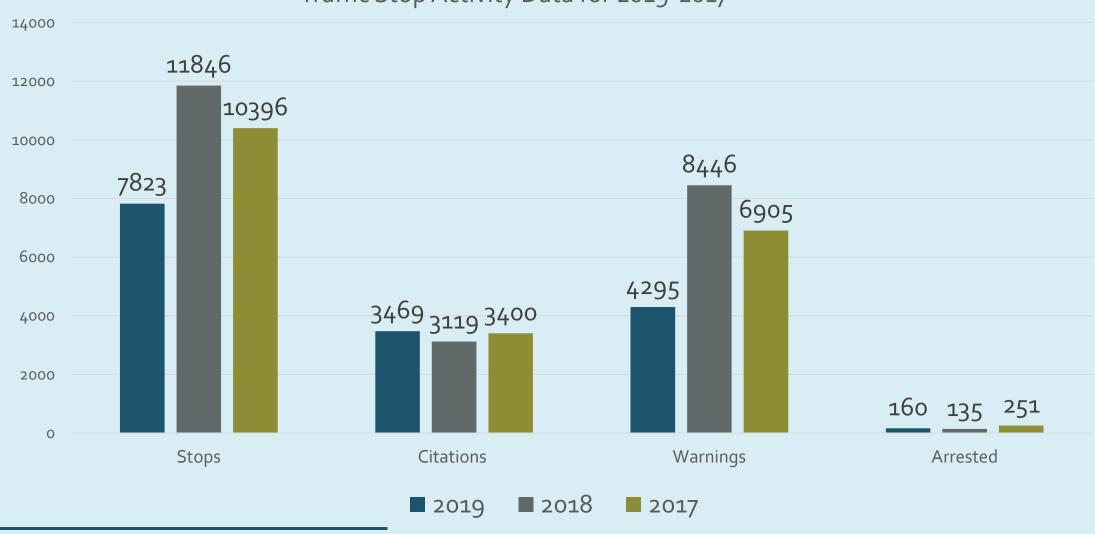
## Best Practices & Policies

- 2010, 2014, 2018 Recognized agency by Texas Police Chiefs Association
- Out of **2500~** Texas eligible agencies / **170** are recognized / only **47** are three time re-recognized....we are setting the standard!!
- 166 Best Practices Standards support the policy manual, as an example,
  - 12.08 Inventory of Property/Evidence
  - 2.04 Internal Investigations
  - 2.11 Sexual and Other Unlawful Harassment
- Additionally, we have many other policies that address issues specific to our community and to our PD.
- LPD Policy is reviewed continually by staff

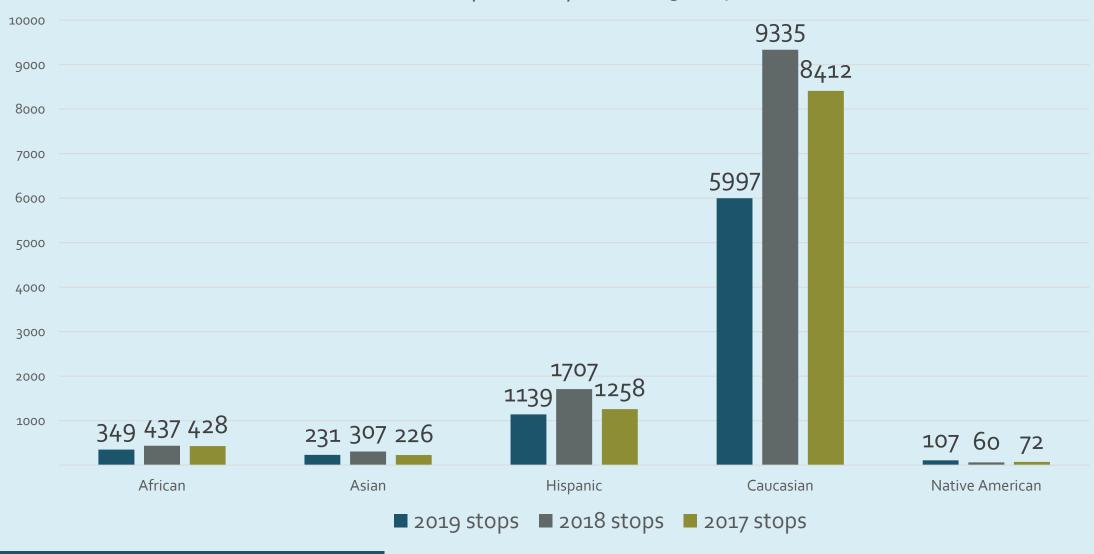
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## SERVICE ENGAGEMENT

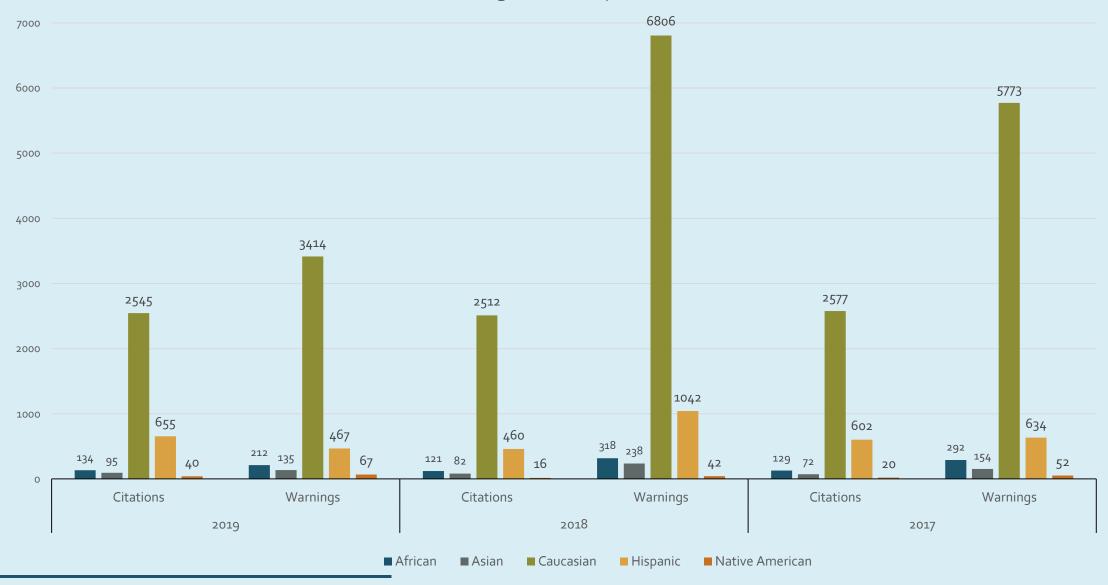
Traffic Stop Activity Data for 2019-2017



Traffic Stop Totals by Race 2019-2017



#### Citations & Warnings Issued by Race for 2017-2019



What does the data reveal?

## WHEN VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE FAILS, WHAT HAPPENS?

## All Officers must consider the following before acting...

- US, Texas, & Case Law
  - Graham vs Conners (Objectively Reasonable)
     Tennessee vs Garner (Fleeing Felon)
- Policies
  - TX Best Practices
- Professional Policing Practices
  - Decision Making Models vs Force Continuums
- Situational Awareness and De-escalation strategies
  - Training
- Preservation & Sanctity of Life
  - Others and Theirs

## Incidents of Use of Force LPD

 Force is defined as the "amount of effort required by police to compel compliance by an unwilling subject" (IACP)

- **2017** 19,371 CFS / 388 arrests / 21 use of force incidents
- **2018** 24,098 CFS / 348 arrests / 8 use of force incidents
- **2019** 17,528 CFS / 284 arrests / 7 use of force incidents

## Type of force used LPD

#### • 2017

- 4 empty hand controls,
- 1 pointed Taser,
- 19 pointed firearms,
- 6 firearms un-holstered but not pointed

#### • 2018

- 2 empty hand controls,
- 1 Taser deployed,
- 1 Taser pointed,
- 6 firearms pointed

#### • 2019

- 6 empty hand controls,
- 1 pointed firearm
- All instances were accompanied by verbal communications and de-escalation strategies used when feasible

### Incidents of Use of Force

### Race, Gender & Injuries

- Racial Make up & Gender of Suspects/Arrestees
  - 2017 All White 17 males / 4 females
  - 2018 6 White, 1 Black, 1 Hispanic All males
  - **2019** All White 3 males / 4 females

- Injuries to Suspects / Officers
  - **2017 -** 0 / 0
  - 2018 1 (cut climbing fence) / o
  - **2019** 0 / 0

Body cameras, training, supervision and tactics

## MITIGATING STRATEGIES RELATED TO SERVICE DELIVERY

### Body Cameras

 2011 we were one of the first in Texas to start using body cameras

- Supervisors monthly review videos of their officers
  - The focus is to constantly improve and to have a dialogue reference any areas of concern
- Training
  - Use of video footage to critique actions of the officers,
     for the purpose of improving our reactions to situations

### Mandatory Training by The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)

- De-escalation training 2020 ALL Officers completed
- Civilian Interaction training 2019 ALL Officers completed
- Basic Certification (9 officers)
  - Graduate an academy (696 hrs.) or equivalent; 1 year service; complete an Field Training Program; Human trafficking course
- Intermediate Certification (2 officers)
  - Time in grade and formal education equivalent and training hours
- Advanced Certification (3 officers)
  - Time in grade and formal education equivalent and training hours
- Masters Certification (18 officers)
  - Time in grade and formal education equivalent and training hours

# LPD Additional Training Mandates

- All Officers & Telecommunicators go through an Field Training Officer program
- All LPD officers are trained in:
  - Mental Health Officers; Response to active shooters; Medical/Self Aid – Buddy Aid; Ethics
- Formal shift trainings on various topics throughout the year

## LPD Additional Training

• ALL LPD officers are trained in the following critical skills such as...

Subject	Time
Firearms Training	Quarterly (OT restrictions) TCOLE 1 time a year
Intermediate Weapons Training	Every 2 years
Unarmed Tactics Training	Every 2 years
Police Driving Training	Every 2 years
Firearms Simulator / Decision Training	Every 6 months

## Upcoming 2020-2021 initiatives...

- LPD to attain training provider status with Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
- Continue to have conversations about implicit and explicit bias...
  - Recognition, engagement, and professional conduct
- More Supervisor Training
  - Coaching, and counseling skill development
  - SPARK assessments for all staff
- More unarmed tactics training to instill <u>options and</u> <u>confidence</u>
  - De-escalation!
  - Decision making model versus the continuum

# Final thoughts... it is a powerful & highly accountable job

- We continue to set the standards for policing innovation by...
  - Texas Best Practices
  - Body Cameras & Fleet cameras
  - Wellness Program Medical /Psychological /Nutrition
     /Financial /Spiritual /Fitness
  - Community Engagement
  - Professional Development & Training
- Continue to analyze processes and policies...
  - Constant Improvement for efficient and effective police service

Our mission, is to keep this community safe!

Thank you for your continued support of your Lakeway police department!

## QUESTIONS / CONNENTS

## EXTRA MATERIAL

BAN CHOKEHOLDS & STRANGLEHOLDS



REQUIRE DE-ESCALATION



REQUIRE WARNING BEFORE SHOOTING



REQUIRES EXHAUST ALL ALTERNATIVES BEFORE SHOOTING



**DUTY TO INTERVENE** 



BAN SHOOTING AT MOVING VEHICLES



REQUIRE USE OF FORCE CONTINUUM



REQUIRE COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING



#### Sample Force Continuum

#### **PPCT Resistance/Control Continuum**



Officer may enter at any level that represents

threat posed by the

subject.

a reasonable response to the perceived Levels of Resistance

Levels of Control